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ROLF HERTZGAARD: "The new Eighth Congressional District will make its maiden appearance in this fall's elections and in this one, believe me, all bets are off. In most of the traditional seven districts, the outlines of the races are clear and the incumbents have a better than even chance of repeating. But the eighth is the house that redistricting built and, if you'll pardon the pun, it's a house of another color. The brand new district was created from pieces of the old sixth and other districts and there's no incumbent to challenge here.

"Twelve persons are in the race for the new seat, almost as many as have filed for Governor, and all of them are campaigning to beat the band. Most of them have a reasonable chance to gain the nomination. The new eighth district, to begin with, contains Montgomery County, a crazy quilt of voter beliefs and problems that run the spectrum from acute poverty all the way to whether to put in a second swimming pool. Completing the picture -- picture are bits of Howard County, and a few pieces of poor old Anne Arundel County, which has really been shredded to ribbons under redistricting.

"So the only sure thing about the eighth this fall is that it will be the most unpredictable and exciting Congressional district in the state, at least till it settles down with a new congressman. Its party lines are unclear. Montgomery is two to one Democratic, but it went for Republican McC Mathias in 1964 when it was part of the old sixth. If there's a tight race in Montgomery, the Anne Arundel and Howard County portions of the district, representing 12 percent of the total voters in the eighth, could sway it. In the defense minded suburban area of Washington, of course, the Vietnam issue is a hot one, and it's attracting considerable attention.

"Experts are predicting a sharp battle for the Democratic nomination in the eighth between Royce Hansen of Bethesda, the